



## TOWN NEWS

There will be a special town meeting on March 6 to consider two articles: to see if the town will vote to appropriate \$35,000 for snow removal and the purchase of sand and salt; and to see if the town will reimburse Highway Superintendent Don Amstead for \$5,585 incurred in a legal action, Commonwealth of Massachusetts vs. Donald Amstead. The sum includes medical bills incurred by Giuliana Raab and Mr. Amstead's legal fees.

The Board of Selectmen advises that any petition submitted to the Board must first be submitted to the Town Clerk for certification of signatures.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Bill Bohn reported that the builders of the Simon house on Sylvan

Road have informed him that the house will be moved no later than the middle of April, subject to weather conditions. The builders have been told that they must apply to the Selectmen for the proper permits before moving the house.

At the February 1 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, sealed bids were opened for the sale of Highway Department equipment, including a 1985 GMC with Fisher plow frame and Fisher plow (minimum bid: \$4,500) that went to Pilling Landscaping of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, the high bidder; a 1978 GMC Brigadier dump truck (minimum bid: \$4,500) that went to Village Truck Sales of Lanesboro, Massachusetts, the high bidder for \$4,590; and a nine-foot Fisher snow plow, for which no bids were accepted, and which will therefore be retained by the town.



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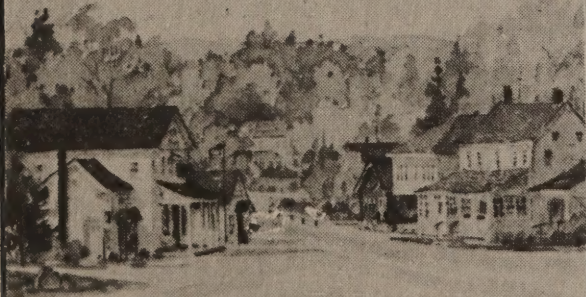
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At the February 8 meeting, a public hearing was held on three petitions of the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Telephone Company for joint pole locations. One pole location is on Tyringham Road, eight joint poles are to be located on Route 23, and another joint pole is to be located at a different point on Route 23. Neither Highway Superintendent Don Amstead nor Tree Warden Roger Tryon had any objections to any of the pole locations. The petitions were granted and the orders signed by the Selectmen.

Finance Committee members Nick Wool, Greta Cherneff and Jack Ryder informed the Board that Kim Hines has been hired as secretary to the Finance Committee. They also discussed mail distribution to town boards and committees, suggesting that an internal mail distribution with boxes or slots be purchased and set up inside the town hall. The Selectmen agreed to purchase such a system as soon as possible. The Town Secretary will be directed to pick up and distribute the mail daily. It was also agreed that the Town Secretary will be responsible for ordering all stationery supplies for the town.

The following Board of Selectmen permits were issued: Business Permit (renewal) to William B. Oislander of Lake Worth, Florida, for the operation of Lakeside Terrace guest house on Lake Garfield; Business Permit (renewal) to Thomas E. Andrus of Monterey, for the operation of A&A Used Cars on Route 23, to buy, sell, exchange or assemble second hand motor vehicles or parts thereof; a Business Permit (renewal) to Thomas M. Andrus of Monterey, for the operation of Precision Autocraft on Route 23, for auto body and auto repair, submitted by Thomas E. Andrus.

The following building permit application was approved: Diane Meakem of Armonk, New York, for the construction of a two-car garage with a one-bedroom apartment without cooking facilities (not to be used for a dwelling) on Steven's Lake property. The application was submitted by Jack Wellenkamp, the contractor. Both Ms. Meakem's house, situated on Lot #6, and the garage, to be constructed on Lot #5, will use the septic system and well located on Lot #6. At the Board's request, Ms. Meakem furnished a signed and recorded agreement stipulating that, should the title to either Lot #5 or Lot #6 change from the present status, a separate septic system and well will be constructed on Lot #5 before the title is conveyed.

— Maggie Leonard

## RABIES WARNING

Early in December, the raccoon rabies epidemic, which has been spreading up the east coast for several years, reached Berkshire County. The first confirmed case was reported from Monterey.

Rabies is a viral disease that attacks the nervous system of warm-blooded animals. Untreated rabies is invariably fatal, and death from rabies involves great suffering. Rabies is transmitted through the saliva of an infected animal.

Although the rabies epidemic is serious, it is important to recognize that not all raccoons are rabid. Avoiding contact with raccoons and other wildlife is more effective in preventing rabies than wantonly destroying animal populations. In the past, shooting or otherwise destroying wildlife has proved neither practical nor successful in controlling rabies outbreaks.

Do not leave food outdoors, either for wild animals, or for pet cats and dogs. Feed your pets inside.

Do not approach wildlife and warn children against doing so.

Make sure your pets are vaccinated against rabies, and keep them from roaming. The law has long required rabies vaccination for dogs, and beginning in February, Massachusetts law also mandates rabies vaccination for cats.

If a person is bitten by a wild animal, he or she should wash the wound immediately and go to a doctor or a hospital emergency room. Treatment for rabies, which must begin before symptoms appear, consists of a series of five injections given in the arm. Dale Duryea, the town Wildlife Management Officer, should be called at 528-9335. Dale will catch and destroy the animal, and its brain will be examined for rabies antibodies.

If a previously vaccinated dog or cat is bitten, the animal will receive a rabies booster and be quarantined for 90 days. If the pet animal has not been vaccinated, it will be destroyed. It cannot be emphasized strongly enough: **TO PROTECT YOUR PETS AND YOUR FAMILY, MAKE SURE YOUR DOGS AND CATS HAVE CURRENT RABIES VACCINATIONS.**

Rabid animals exhibit strange behavior after the virus attacks their brain cells. They may become aggressive or hyperactive and may attack for no real reason. Symptoms of rabies include a wild-eyed expression, a sagging jaw, saliva dripping, trying to eat or drink but unable to swallow, drawing back of lips as if grinning, or extremely aggressive behavior.

There are other causes for bizarre behavior in wild animals besides rabies. Some may have distemper. Some dazed-looking animals may have recently emerged from a period of dormancy and merely be sleepy. Most animals with bad skin, runny eyes, etc. are ill with mange, distemper, parasites or other sicknesses. If you have any questions or problems, call Dale Duryea. Save the phone number: 528-9335.



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## CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Believe it or not, winter is almost over. Come join us and celebrate the coming of spring and St. Patrick's Day, on March 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Sheffield at the Old Parish Church.

Our Mother-Infant Social Hour was quite well attended last month, and we have had a request to invite fathers as well, so our next social hour will be March 9, at 2:00 p.m., for parents and infants at St. James Church in Great Barrington. Siblings are invited to attend the playgroup, which is held at the same time. We hope you can join us.

Linda Cormier, of the Lee Visiting Nurses Association, has advised that free childbirth classes are being offered in Lee. Please call her at 243-1212 for more information. The Prenatal Clinic at Fairview Hospital also offers free prenatal classes for their clients.

The Community Early Childhood Advisory Council of the Farmington River Regional Schools has planned several events for the spring. All are open to the public. On March 15, at 3:15 p.m., Tom McCabe will present a program of storytelling for children and parents. March 18 at 7:00 p.m. will be Parents Night, with a program on how to interest your children in reading and writing. Childcare will be available. On May 21, at 1:30 p.m., the Enchanted Circle Theatre will present a program of African tales for children and parents. On May 24, at 3:15 p.m., Julie Collier will present a nature program on Birds of Prey and Native American Lore, for children and parents. Please call the Otis School at 269-4466 for more information about any of these events.

Some help for the food budget is offered by SHARE (Self Help And Resource Exchange). For more information, please call Charlotte Davis at 243-1092, Louisa O'Brien at 243-1220, or Gladys Shirley at 243-3035.

A wish list for one of our playgroups includes a kitchen set for toddlers. Call us at 528-9311 if you have one in good condition.

— Claudette Callahan

## PARENT-TO-PARENT PROGRAM

The very successful Parent-to-Parent program is looking for new volunteers to complete a ten-hour series of training classes and then donate one or two hours a week to assist an area family. There is a waiting list of families with children under two years of age who would like volunteers.

Volunteers help families in a variety of ways: They provide transportation to medical appointments and grocery stores. They offer information about availability of family services in the community and about child development. They act as listeners and friends for parents who may be isolated from other adults. By assisting families, volunteers can do much to improve life for area children.

More than 90 volunteers have been trained and placed during the nine-year history of Parent-to-Parent at the Children's Health Program. Many volunteers have served more than the one year required commitment, and several have moved on into related fields of employment, such as day care, nursery schools, public schools and social service agencies.

The next Parent-to-Parent volunteer training will begin on March 4, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Children's Health Program, 54 Castle Street, Great Barrington. Other training sessions will be held on the four following Thursdays at the same time. For an application or more information, please call Claudette Callahan at the Children's Health Program, 528-9311.

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## CHURCH NEWS

Last month, I wrote about saints, artists and children, those unique people who are able to live fully in the moment and so discover the blessing of *kairos*, God's qualitative time. My contention is that each one of us contains the elements of these archetypes. It's when we become more fully in touch with the child within, the artist within, the saint within, that we are closest to our Creator God.

Really, then, it's not how much time we have, but rather, how we use the time we do have, no matter how limited. How do you use your time? One recent Sunday in worship, I shared some statistics about how the average person uses his/her time. The following list of activities shows how people use their leisure time each week. Although this survey was taken in 1985, I'd bet my bottom dollar that it is still accurate in 1993. See how your time compares.

TV	15.1 hours per week
Visiting	4.9
Talking	4.3
Traveling	3.1
Reading	2.8
Sports/Outdoors	2.2
Hobbies	2.2
Adult Education	1.9
Thinking/Relaxing	1.0
Religion	0.8
Cultural Events	0.8
Clubs/Organizations	0.7
Radio/Recordings	0.3

It's obvious where the majority of people spend most of their time. What would people do with their lives if they didn't have television to occupy them? Maybe there would be just a little more visiting or talking or reading or thinking happening in our families. And what about religion? Now, I'm not sure how they (the statisticians) define religion, but it amounts to only 48 minutes worth of time each week. Chronologically speaking, that's not even a dent. But, perhaps there's another way of looking at it. Just suppose if all we did — our work, our play, our reading, our talking, our education, our visiting — were done from a spiritual perspective. In other words, each moment of life is a

blessing to be lived fully, no matter how mundane the task. I love the story of Brother Lawrence, a monk who didn't seem to have any spiritual gifts. The Abbot finally placed him in the kitchen, where he spent years washing dishes. It was in his dish washing that Brother Lawrence found his spirituality, so much so, that all the other monks realized that it was he, in his sharing, and not they, who truly possessed a deep sense of serenity and peace. Imagine getting close to God by washing dishes! Perhaps there's hope for television watchers, too!

— Cliff Aerie



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## VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Our committee has just about completed the tasks of assembling names, reviewing the design and, thanks to the Monterey Fire Company, selecting the location, for our new Veterans Memorial.

The campaign for a new memorial was undertaken because of the rundown condition of the current World War II memorial in town. Our committee decided to include Korea and VietNam veterans in order to bring

it up to date, at least through 1975. A fund drive will begin in May, with the goal of having the new memorial in place by the end of the coming summer.

One of our tasks has been assembling the list of names of those who served our country during the three wars. The list appears at the end of this article. Please look it over carefully and contact us if there are any discrepancies or omissions.

— Dean P. Amidon

### World War II

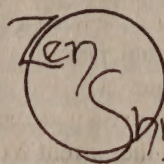
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Carlson, John I.	Hinman, Horace	Snyder, Richard W.
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## Korea

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Locke, Edward  
Lyman, Douglas  
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Palmer, Dorothea  
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## VietNam

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Bynack, Mike  
Dutcher, James  
Field, Wayne  
Hastedt, David A.  
Hayes, Arnold A.  
Heath, Kenneth  
Johnson, Elmer  
Leavitt, Aaron  
LeCompte, Douglas M.  
L'Hommedieu, Cahrles  
Mielke, William E., Jr.  
Parret, David  
Phelps, Frederick  
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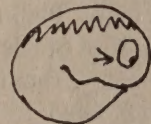
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## SPRING PERC TEST PERIOD

The spring test period for percolation tests and deep observation holes will be March 1-May 31, 1993. This decision was taken by the Board of Health on February 8, 1993.

In accordance with the provisions of the State Environmental Code, Title 5, 310 CMR 15.03 (4)(c), testing in the early part of the period will depend on the weather, since percolation tests may not be made in frozen soil.

All those wishing to have holes and tests witnessed, pursuant to 310 CMR 15.03 (1), should contact Monterey's Sanitary Inspector, Peter J. Kolodziej (243-2100), not less than 72 hours before the proposed time for making the holes and tests. In case of emergencies or highly unusual circumstances, it may be possible to arrange witnessing on shorter notice. Final determination of a convenient date and time will be a matter of mutual agreement and may well be more than 72 hours from the time of contact.



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## BUTTERNUT EVENTS

On Friday, March 5, Monterey Day will once again be celebrated at Butternut. Upon showing a driver's license, a Monterey resident may purchase a \$20 lift ticket, good all day. Also included in Monterey Day is a complimentary wine and cheese party held in Butternut's Upper Lodge at 3:30 p.m.

On Saturday, March 6, Butternut will host its first "Not for Racers Only" obstacle course race. Sixty percent of the proceeds raised from the event will be donated to the Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

The race is open to people of all ages and abilities and will include such tasks as jumping over a bale of hay (without skis), popping a balloon, limboing under a pole and throwing a snowball at a target. Participation in the event is \$10. The first fifty entrants will receive a free gift. Registration will take place at Butternut's Clubhouse beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the race and will continue until 1:00 p.m., when the race begins. Prizes will be awarded to the racers with the best time and accuracy in six age categories.

For more information about either event, call the Butternut office at 528-2000.

## SKATING RINK NEWS

Once again, our town can boast of the best outdoor skating rink in the area. After a late start (we didn't get ice down until after Christmas), we've had superb ice conditions, with very few melt down days. We even survived a four-day 50 degree spell because of the thick base we've been able to build thanks to Roger Tryon's 350-gallon maple syrup tanker. Roger, his dog Sarah and I spent several nights putting down about 1400 gallons, which equals 1/4" of new thickness on the rink.

Hockey has flourished again this year. We now even have a small weekend league in which players of all abilities (or non-abilities) play. Games are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. If you're around, stop in. There's sure to be someone you know playing. This year's powerhouse team is the Gould Farm crew, who have only one loss.

After two warm weather postponements, the Fourth Annual Monterey Cup hockey tournament went off on Saturday, January 28, in 15 degree temperature. Despite the cold day, there was plenty of hot action as six teams played each other in round robin to make the playoffs. All 36 players had a great time. The Pittsfield Bruins won it once again, the fourth year in a row. Second place went to the team from Otis, whose success was largely due to the awesome goal tending of Bob Thieriot. Mick Burns and Rick and Dan Andrus got their team into the playoffs, but lost in the first round, as did Mark and Kip Makuc's team. My team, which included Jed Lipsky and Roger Tryon, was picked by Vegas to win the Cup this year, but we came in dead last. We didn't feel it would look good for the guys who run the tournament to win it! Next year, we're going to have Carlo, from the Bruins, to run it.

— Jim Thomas

## DAFFODIL DAYS

Daffodils are once again on sale to benefit the American Cancer Society. The price is \$5 for a bunch of ten blooms. Deadline for ordering is March 6, and the flowers can be picked up at the Monterey General Store on March 24. If you'd like to order, call Gerry and Marge McMahon at 528-1409.

## TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

The Monterey Town Hall Committee (Martin Cherneff, Wayne Burkhart, Georgiana O'Connell, Fred Vorck, Nicholas Wool) has been meeting regularly since August, 1992. We have consulted with officials of towns that are building or have recently built new town halls, we have reviewed the work done by previous Monterey town hall committees, and we have carefully inventoried the needs of the town and the deficiencies of present town office facilities.

Our present facility is inadequate to our needs and is in violation of building codes and public building regulations. It is also in some ways unsafe. Our goal is to correct the problems and provide a building that will be a source of civic pride.

All of us in Monterey appreciate the cooperation of the Fire Company and the church in providing space for a variety of town functions. But we are at the point where the needs of the town are greater than these buildings and our present town office can accommodate.

The Town Hall Committee intends to ask the town at the 1993 town meeting for funds to hire an architect to define size, space allocations, location and cost (not final construction and engineering plans), while the committee continues to look into funding alternatives. The object is to present designs, costs and funding methods to the town at the 1994 town meeting.

The Town Hall Committee will hold a meeting to provide additional information and to receive input from townspeople on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the town office. We urge you to attend to discuss this vital project.

— Martin Cherneff

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## MONTEREY ROUND TABLE

The Monterey Round Table met on January 27 at the home of Marge and Gerry McMahon. We continued to work on the Time Share concept of an energy bank as a means by which community members can help each other with small tasks. A committee was formed to study this idea.

The Round Table met again on February 24. The results of that meeting will be discussed in the April issue of the *Monterey News*. Our March meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Alice O. Howell and Walter Andersen at the corner of Beartown and Hupi Roads. We hope to see you there!

— Angie Sherrard

## MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met on February 17. Our theme was Sweetheart Waltz, including a variety Valentine program and special Valentine refreshments. Guests were present from Stockbridge and West Stockbridge.

Lecturer Mary Wallace will attend the Woman's Activities Regional meeting in Dalton on February 27. Master Tolitha Butler will take part in the State Grange Exemplification meeting in Williamsburg on March 13, taking the office of Lade Assistant Steward.

The next meeting will be March 3. The theme of the program will be Irish Stew. Come and join us!

— Mary Wallace

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## THE BIDWELL HOUSE

What does The Bidwell House do in the dead of winter? For one thing, give Girl Scout tours! So far, the museum has given tours to four troops, including Monterey's Troop 66. Besides learning about life in the 18th century, the girls are learning about folk art by looking at examples throughout the house.

Writing grants is another big winter task. Late last year, we received a Conservation Assessment Grant from the Institute of Museum Services. We are using funds from this grant to hire two conservators who specialize in architecture and collections storage. They will make recommendations on how we can better care for the house and its collections. The end result will be a long-range plan on collections care, which will need follow-up grants to fund the various projects.

One of the joys of winter is the time to do research. I am in the process of working with two scholars, who have uncovered a wealth of information on two of the more colorful descendants of Rev. Bidwell. Peggy Modan of Pittsfield, while researching the Hawaiian collection at the Berkshire Museum, unearthed a great deal of material on Mercy Partridge Whitney (1795-1872), a granddaughter of Rev. Bidwell. Mercy was one of the first missionaries to Hawaii, living there from 1820 until her death. Her diaries and letters are located in two museums in Hawaii, and we will be receiving copies of these for our archives.

Deborah Gardener is a researcher at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, the oldest law firm in New York City. Her research has shed light on Marshall Spring Bidwell (1799-1872), a cousin of Mercy Whitney. Marshall Spring was Speaker of the House in Canada and later became a top lawyer in New York City. He was also an early second-home owner in Monterey, maintaining a summer home which still stands at the corner of Beartown and Fairview Road.

— Lisa Simpson




## MONTEREY WILDLIFE SURVEY

Our unusually deep snow has cut down on the activities of both the four-footed wildlife and the two-footed viewers. Birds have not been so hampered, however, and some spring birds were around in early February, while modest numbers of the usual birds have been at the feeders.

**Mammals:** Deer: A few have been seen, and their tracks are here and there in town. Some are wandering around and some seem to be herded up. Alice Schick saw a group of about 15 standing in a lightly-wooded area along Route 23 one afternoon in early February. Coyotes: One was seen on Hupi Road. On February 9, Emily Olds saw three lying in the sun in a field by Stonybrook Road, and another strolled across the Olds yard the next day. Raccoons: Most of Dale Duryea's calls have been about this beleaguered animal. There have been plenty of sick ones in nearby towns. Note the *Rabies Warning* elsewhere in this issue. (Dale just read about an authenticated rabid beaver, location not given.) Opossums: Angie Sherrard saw one on Hupi Road on February 10. There seems to be one under Art Hasted's shed — at least there's something that leaves possum-like tracks when it comes out to forage at night. Squirrels: Large numbers still reported. Eleanor Kimberley saw a black one on Tyringham Road on January 30. There's a daily ballet of reds and greys at the Dowd Corner McAllesters' feeder; likewise at the Baker-McAllester feeder, plus flying squirrels at night.

**Birds:** Eleanor Kimberley saw a flock of starlings in early February, and a red-winged blackbird on February 10, signs of spring when the rest of nature is giving the opposite message. Lots of turkeys were reported to Dale Duryea during January and February. There were doves and pairs of goldfinches in Otis on January 30. There were little flocks of goldfinches and a house finch at the east end of Hupi Road. Edwin Salsitz, on Beartown Mountain Road, reports fewer birds than in the last several years. The volume of seed consumed is noticeably less. A small hawk of undetermined species attacked a blue jay at the Kimberleys on Town Hill Road on January 27. Many other jays came screaming around, and the victim escaped. A merlin made a fatal plunge against MaryKate Jordan's house on February 6.

— David P. McAllester



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## GREEN VALLEY, ARIZONA

*Beyond the pecan orchards  
We hear the coyotes howl.  
Instead of horses everywhere  
It's pick-up trucks that prowl.  
Of course the greatest appeal of the town  
Is the constant warm weather sun,  
The tremendous number of golf courses  
And the outdoor swimming pools for fun.  
There's little smog and low humidity.  
It's desert with mountains near,  
South twenty-five miles from Tucson.  
The sky is boundless, crisply clear.  
All day we anticipate the sunset  
And the night sky is full of stars.  
Arroyos crowd the landscape.  
They're dry washes, shallow scars.  
Mysterious Mexico lies south  
And Tubac, an old Spanish town  
Is an art colony today  
Housing artists of great renown.  
Indian lands are to the north  
And Tombstone is not far away  
Where many gun-slingers swaggered  
Including infamous "Doc" Holliday.  
When Buffalo, New York has a blizzard  
Every bed in green Valley is filled.  
The desert welcomes all visitors,  
The tired, the anxious, the chilled.*

— Nancy Adams

## DRIVING INTO ALBUQUERQUE AT NIGHT

*We're sweeping east on arrow-straight Rte. 40  
After the driving snow at high Tsaille,  
The slush at dusky Gamerco, the rain  
Glittering on the grimy streets of Gallup.  
A light appears below the eastern clouds,  
A growing sunrise (but at 6 p.m.!),  
Soon, raying up and lighting, layer by layer,  
The dark penumbra of the rainy sky:  
It's more aurora than a simple dawn,  
Filling the eastern quadrant of the world.  
Some earthbound sun's the source of all this glow.  
We top the Rio Grande Valley rim:  
All Albuquerque spreads its jeweled net  
And catches bright Armijo to the south,  
Alameda and Corrales to the north.  
As we start down, the highway levels out,  
The luminous panorama sinks from sight  
And, at a lower rim appears again.  
Step by step we drop into the valley,  
From natural dark to artificial light.*

— David P. McAllester



## MEADOW MYTHOLOGY: EARLY DECEMBER- LATE FEBRUARY

*Gods of the meadow now crouch in the bunkers under  
the hummocks, the wan butchered grasses, and stunned  
into torpor find a frozen pale sleep through ill-defined  
nights and days without shadow, unwarmed by a sun  
like a specter.*

*Do they dream? Wholly unproved is the matter of dreaming.  
They might groan, pent in the ice-haunted bunkers. Or deep  
in the core of these paralyzed spirits a tremble  
of light like the light that brushes long grasses at midday  
in summer;*

*or nothing. What's certain is this: Cradled in law,  
hoisted, slowly swung, arc of a sickle,  
the arch of the sun is shifted. High morning,  
clear, brief renaissance of radiance; the gods rise  
in the bunkers.*

*Do they wake? Wholly unguessed is the matter of waking.  
Importeth not much. Like the crop Cadmus sowed, but civiller,  
bound in the law, they'll shrug away earth, citizens  
of a rooted Thebes: daffodils, timothy, infant tufts  
of blue-eyed grass.*

— Jim Michelman





## BROWN CREEPERS OUT IN THE COLD

One weekend last month, we headed north for some truly cold weather. My encyclopedia says that if we were looking for world record low temperatures, we should have gone very far south, to Vostok, near the South Pole, where it went to -126.9 F. in 1960. But we set out without any real aim to set records. We had heard the forecast, so we packed a thermos of tea, wool socks, longies and snow pants. We tied the skis on top of the car but wondered, really, if we would feel like using them.

In the car, the kids drew pictures on the frosted windows. We adjusted the heater knobs this way and that. Five hours later, the sun went down, and we arrived in the North Country to squeaky snow and shrinking mercury. "Better go out for a ski now, it's only going to get colder."

I stayed inside that time, drinking tea and socializing, while some headed out like miracles of bright clothing and movement in the meadow beside Camp Brook. I watched through a window, which was double-glazed with clear plastic tight as a drum. The steam from my tea mug kept my nose warm, and I thought about their noses, with no sun and the temperature falling fast below zero.

That night, we tried to guess how far it would go. We southerners were already in awe, with teens below,

and had no notion what to expect. By midnight, it was -32°, exciting and dangerous. Amazing to think we kept a 100-degree temperature gradient, with firewood and a house. We talked of these things, sitting close to the stove, and then, in the clear full-moon cold, the plastic popped. It sounded like a bird flying into the window, a thud with feathers, but it was the cold hammering at our cocoon, bursting our outer bubble. "I can already feel my right side is colder!"

Dawn brought light, reassurance. The mercury rose, and we made jokes about heat waves. A relative called with frozen pipes. "What should I do?" I went to look at the plastic and found it fluttering in three-inch ribbons, sparkling. We watched the thermometer, wondering how much it would rise, or should rise, before we went out again.

This time I joined them, and we compared styles of warm dressing and layering, reporting our experiences with various sorts of long underwear. Soon, we were out, and the clear world went blurry with tears as I made some speed across the meadow. We crossed a brook carefully, and the tips of our poles squealed rhythmically as we kicked and glided along. To stop was to experience absolute silence, endless and peaceful. I wondered if it's like this on the moon.

We could see that some creatures had been out: fox, deer, mice, even a mole. My toes were cold, but my fingers warmed up. As I worked, the tears stopped, the face returned to normal, and the hands, too. But, the toes just got worse, and I thought about foxes. I've read that a fox without a tail will freeze to death, because the way it settles for the night involves a particular arrangement of the tail over the nose and feet.

You can ignore the toes for a while, especially if you distracted by pride in all the rest of yourself, doing so well in such conditions. You know it is your own furnace now, restoring those fingers and keeping the body alive. You can be terribly impressed that you are even alive.

It is foolish to ignore the toes for very long, though, so we went in. I sat by the window again, with a tea mug, looking through sparkling strips of plastic. Suddenly, I saw a movement on the rough bark of the sugar maple just outside. A messy ball of fluff, brown and white, was making its way up the trunk, in a jerky spiral. It took me a minute to realize it was a brown creeper, usually so natty and sleek. Its furnace must have been roaring to maintain a temperature gradient of maybe 120 degrees! It had no firewood, no house, just that little bit of fluff and a bunch of bugs for fuel. And what about its feet? There is no fluff on the foot of a creeper, and the foot is a long way from the core. I

thought about the pre-dawn cold of -34 degrees F. and pictured this creeper in some hollow tree, probably huddled close to a few other creepers. I had been in the house, on a feather bed, under a down comforter.

Creepers, like many other birds, have a heat exchanging system of circulation to the feet. The arteries and veins in the legs lie right against each other so that the arterial blood leaving the main body at more than 100 degrees F. flows beside cold venous blood returning from the feet. The venous blood is warmed this way and does not carry such cold to the heart, to the main core of the bird. The arterial blood is cooled and arrived at the feet cold. Sometimes the blood vessels in the feet are constricted at low temperatures so there is less blood used there.

Perhaps I shouldn't compare my feet to those of a brown creeper. Mine are large, rounded, inefficient and complainy. They do not carry me spiralling up trees at -20 degrees F., and yet, they are my own, my perfect brand of equipment. If I had the feet of a creeper, I wouldn't know what to do with them. I would ignore the cold toes, I guess, maybe not even be aware of them. I'd be out in the still cold all the time, but I would never wonder about the moon. I would be a genius at winter survival, but then, I am that already: I'm still alive.

—Bonner J. McAllester

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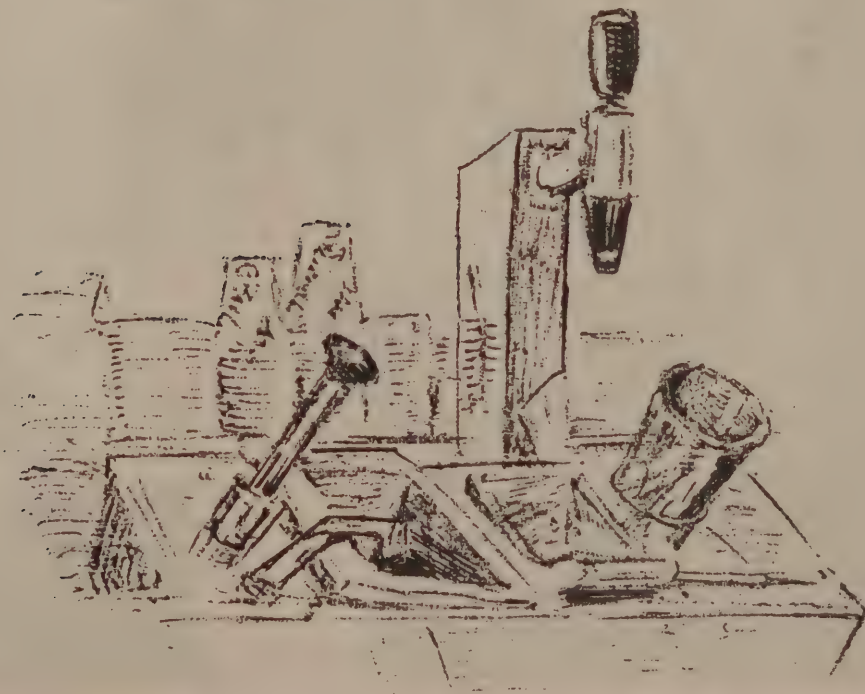
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## WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY

### Chao Ying and Daphne Chang

The eventful history of the Monterey branch of the Chang family began in Taiwan when that island was still under Japanese rule. Chao Ying and Daphne grew up in different towns, both speaking Japanese and the Taiwanese and Mandarin dialects of Chinese. With the defeat of Japan in World War II, the political situation underwent drastic changes, and Chao Ying's family decided he should attend high school in Hong Kong. There, he continued learning English, already begun at home with private tutors, and of course, Mandarin. Then, he went on to take a degree in political science, in 1954, at Meiji University in Tokyo, and also attended night classes at Sophia University. Daphne, meanwhile, was attending the new, mission-supported Tung Hai University in Taichung, where she majored in Chinese literature and also studied English.

In 1957, Chao Ying returned to Taiwan, where his knowledge of many languages quickly got him a job in the information bureau of the government. He became interested in the challenge of communication

through film and directed and produced *Three Days on Island Beautiful*, the first Taiwanese documentary film for overseas tourism. It was at this time that one of his aunts began looking for a suitable bride for him, and found Chien Heh Yen (Daphne), who was now an English teacher. "You can see how well the system works: Wise, older people make sure you have interests in common, and the chances are very good for a happy marriage."

The year 1961 was an important one for the Changs: It was the year of their marriage and the year Chao Ying's film won the Silver Grand Prize in Marseilles, for films in international tourism. Other good things followed: Cynthia was born in 1962, Catherine in 1963, and Wesley in 1965. Also in 1963, Chao Ying won the opportunity to go, as a U.N. Fellow, to Montreal, where he studied every aspect of film production with the Canadian Film Board. His love affair with the United States began then, too. "Every weekend, I came right to New York City and walked the streets until I knew them by heart!" After a year, he returned to Taiwan to set up the audio-visual department of the government information office. He was now training younger colleagues and making documentaries



Clockwise, from top: Chao Ying, Gerry, Cynthia, Daphne, Wesley, Brian. Center: Cynthia.

of important events in the Pacific Basin, for example, the war in Vietnam.

Then, from 1967-1980, a cherished dream for the Changs came true. Chao Ying was posted to the Taiwanese mission in New York City. They made their home in Queens, where they were active in the Winfield Dutch Reformed Church, the first Taiwanese Christian Church in the United States. "In the early days, we had to have an interpreter to explain the service in Taiwanese to visitors. Now, we have to have an interpreter for the Taiwanese-American young people."

Daphne became a deacon, and Chao Ying raised money for the church by teaching hi-fi maintenance and auto mechanics. The children attended special schools for gifted children, after which Cynthia went to business school at the University of Pennsylvania, and Catherine studied electrical engineering at Cornell. Daphne studied library science at St. Johns University in Queens and at Columbia, and then worked at the State University of New York library, where she quickly got tenure. The college sponsored her application for U.S. citizenship, since it was required for their employees. Chao Ying became a silent partner in the Ross Gaffney Video Company in New York.

This was the era in which the Changs discovered Monterey. In 1968, they came to Tanglewood, and soon after, they were skiing at Otis Ridge. They liked the Berkshires so well that they began to look for land, and in 1976, they purchased a lot on Hupi Road and began to dream about the kind of house they would build.

Again, international events intervened in their family life. When the United States established diplomatic relations with mainland China, Taiwan had to re-evaluate her economic policies and needed gifted diplomatic and communications people in Japan. From 1980-1985, Chao Ying was posted at the Taiwanese embassy in Tokyo, where he was director of the press office. The girls continued their college studies in the United States and spent their vacations in Japan. Wesley attended high school at the American School in Tokyo (where, incidentally, Monterey's Gordon Bowles had been a member of the first graduating class). During those five years, the Changs often returned to the United States, now their real home, but enjoyed a deep and lasting exposure to many aspects, esthetic and philosophical, of Japanese culture. Daphne had a year's sabbatical leave from her job at SUNY, but found another job in Japan in the library of the Beecham Pharmaceutical Company.

Chao Ying retired from the Taiwanese foreign

service in 1985, and the family returned to their home in Queens. "Now we began to get serious about Monterey!" They began looking for a builder, and Cynthia designed the unusual house among the treetops on their steep hillside. It was ready in 1988. Chao Ying and then the children obtained their U.S. citizenships. They continued their active participation in the Winfield Church. Chao Ying became general manager and partner in Ross Gaffney Video, and Daphne became a librarian for Blue Shield/Blue Cross. The girls finished college. Cynthia married Brian Scanlan, with whom she owns a computer software business in New York City. Cynthia and Brian also produced the Changs' first grandchild, Kevin. Catherine married Gerard Cocco, and they both work for I.B.M. in Austin, Texas. Wesley studied mechanical engineering at Carnegie Mellon and is now a First Lieutenant in the Air Force.

Although Chao Ying doesn't plan his second retirement for another four or five years, he is already embarked on his dream for the future. In 1991, he took a plane flight from the Great Barrington airport for an aerial of the Chang house in its environs. Once they were airborne, the pilot let him handle the plane, and he enjoyed it so much, he began taking flying lessons. In November, 1992, he received his license. When he announced it proudly to his son, he learned that Wesley had just beaten him to it!

The future is sure to hold a great deal of flying. Chao Ying plans to buy a plane and go airport hopping around the United States. He has heard that we have 12,000 airports! Another retirement activity will be video consulting, and this has also already started in a big way. The Public Television Organizing Committee of Taiwan has appointed Chao Ying as Special Assistant to the President for the job of establishing public television in that country, in one short year.

After this extra Taiwan year, the Changs will continue to enjoy their home and many friends in New York, but they will also have longer times of rest and recreation in Monterey. They both would like to teach Japanese and Chinese language classes. They are also quite likely to find themselves in surprising parts of the world consulting in video, specialized library work and Asian business methods. More than most of us, the energetic Changs will find *retirement* a word meaning *busier than ever*.

— David P. McAllester

## OUR TOWN

### Civic Farming

It was a busy week. I should remember to leave room in winter for the vicissitudes that wreak disaster on seemingly rational schedules. The cattle water freezes, or the truck won't start, and suddenly, either the cattle don't get fed on time or I'm late to a meeting.

I stopped to check on the pregnant heifer on the way to Pittsfield. She was aware that something was about to happen, but couldn't understand why she was getting clumsier, why her underside became cold with swelling. At the meeting, we talked about economic diversification — conversion from a regional economy dependent upon building Cold War tools to more locally productive industries. The trouble is to think forward, not just to long for the best of the past, when we had a better balance between producing for ourselves and shipping products around the world. We felt frustrated in the meeting, knowing that something is quite defective in the Berkshire economy, that just changing GE for Martin-Marietta will not keep several thousand people working productively. It will not be easy to make our county once again the Eden of the history books — creameries, railroad stations and mansions all through the hills.

I was uneasy, too, about my own little enterprise in the hills. And I knew my springing heifer was uneasy with a sense of impending doom. I stopped to throw a bit of hay in the rack. She was standing apart from the other dozen animals, but chewing her cud, a good sign. She'll probably not freshen on this too-cold night.

Wednesday evening, the third Wednesday of the month. Time for the Solid Waste District meeting. No calf yet, and still cold weather. I set up the tables in the church basement, turned up the heat and went for a load of hay. When I got to the meeting, almost everyone was already around the tables. Only a few towns were not represented, even though the weather was bad and the agenda was heavy. Last month, all eleven commissioners were present. These solid waste people are really dedicated to dirty work! We discussed an upcoming meeting with an entrepreneur who wants to build a waste composting facility for the district. Should we pay our engineers to come from Vermont to listen to the proposal? After spirited discussion, we decided that several hundred dollars would not be too much to pay for a professional look at the proposal. It seems a bit too good to be true, so we have to give it a skeptical appraisal.

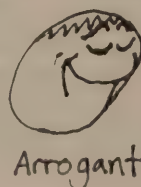
Thursday, I had two civic-type meetings. On the way to the Town Hall Committee in the forenoon, I stopped to check the heifer. She wasn't with the herd. All right, she might be having her calf, but I had to get to the meeting. We met with people from the Monterey Grange, to get their ideas and ask for their cooperation in the process of proposing a new town hall. They would cooperate, they said. All of us would have to think hard about the possibility that the old Grange/Town Hall building may have to be torn down. It may not fit in a plan for building or renovating facilities for the town. Consulting architect Bob McMahon came up with an amount for a building study. At \$10,500, it was good news.

In the afternoon, the calf was finally coming. Its head and feet appeared, but I had to help with the delivery. It stuck at the hips, but fortunately was already breathing, so I had time to help it out. The calf was a heifer, and Meryl said her name was Emma. I made cow and calf comfortable and saw that the cow was not getting up, but I had to go to Pittsfield for the Regional Planning Commission meeting. Every third Thursday of the month. There was a new commissioner from the town of Windsor at the meeting. The Pittsfield representatives told us about their work on the city's master plan. We discussed approaches to the Lee plan concerning a possible Wai-Mart store on partially town-owned land, which would have to be sold and the area re-zoned. Many commissioners felt that it wasn't a good idea, but we decided that our role should be to help Lee citizens and officials to determine whether this proposal best fit all their goals for their town.

My calf, Emma, was doing fine, but the cow was still not standing up when I got home. Friday morning, Phil and I gave her a calcium solution intravenously, having decided that she had milk fever. Hours later, the cow still hadn't gotten up. Dr. Leahey suggested more calcium given subcutaneously. I gave the calcium and went to a special meeting of the Planning Board.

Some weeks are harder than others.

— Wayne Burkhart



## PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL WEEK

Our new President said that he wanted his inauguration to be for all the American people. And it surely was. I was privileged to receive an invitation and lucky enough to be able to attend many of the events in Washington, D.C. from Sunday, January 17 through the swearing-in ceremony on Wednesday, January 20.

When we arrived at the Washington Mall on Sunday, it looked like a Renaissance pageant, with dozens of pointy white tents topped by fluttering pennants. Literally hundreds of thousands of people thronged the Washington Mall from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial, but there was no sense of crowding. The warmth and emotional sharing of the people was evident. There was even a neighborly feeling as we waited in line with people from Alabama, Texas and Arkansas for the distribution of pieces of cheesecake from the 20,000 pound, ten-layered, red, white and blue culinary masterpiece. They were serving the brilliant blue layer when we got to the tables. A Martian landing in Washington at that point would have thought all Americans had bright blue tongues, lips and teeth.

There were bulletin boards and signs everywhere listing the events with their times and locations. My daughter Gwynne and I headed for the Town Hall Tent, where the revue, *Make Way for Tomorrow: America Speaks through its Broadway Musicals*, was to be performed. What a marvelous gathering of talent to celebrate America! For me, it was nostalgia when I heard Carol Channing sing *Little Girl from Little Rock* from *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*. I had heard her do it in the late '40s in New York. There was Tyne Daly, Linda Lavin and James Naughton. Daisy Egan sang *You've Got to Be Carefully Taught* from *South Pacific*, telling the crowd that the song had almost been cut from the show for being too controversial. One particularly poignant number had Lauren Bacall on a darkened stage, with only her face and a softly lit poster of Bill Clinton visible as she sang *I Believe in You*. The afternoon ended with a rousing medley of George M. Cohan songs. All 8,000 people joined in on *You're a Grand Old Flag*.

Although that was perhaps the highlight for me, it was far from all. The Traditional Artists Workshop in the big tent continued for two days. This was the first time the Smithsonian played a part in a presidential inauguration, securing craftspeople and artists from



*Gige with two-dimensional versions of Bill and Hillary Clinton*

different backgrounds to represent America's diversified mix. There were basket weavers from Nevada, North and South Carolina, wood carvers from Maine, Arkansas and New Jersey, needle crafters from Kansas, Michigan and California, and many, many more.

Returning to the Mall on Monday, we attended the Peter, Paul and Mary concert along with about 6,000 other people. They did all the songs my kids grew up with. The audience joined in on their favorites.

Later, we went to the Wynton Marsalis jazz concert, where his group did a fifteen-minute tribute to Dizzy Gillespie. And there was still more: kids from the Washington, D.C. chapter of the American Double Dutch League doing amazing things with jump ropes; Mexican, Cuban, Cambodian and American Indian singing and dancing groups, a group from a theater for the deaf, gospel singers and jazz groups.

Then, of course, there was Wednesday, Inauguration Day itself, when 800,000 people gathered to hear the 42nd President of the United States take the oath of office.

There was much symbolism, emotion, sharing and hope in the inaugural celebration. There was truly a feeling of America coming together. And, speaking of symbolism: For the whole week, the sun shone. If you remember the cold, the wet, the snow of some previous inaugurations, you realize how lucky this president was to have four days of sunshine. May he continue to be lucky as he guides the United States through the next four years.

— Georgiana O'Connell

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## SHIRLEY YOST

Shirley Yost, 66, of Route 23 died February 7 at Berkshire Medical Center of complications from injuries suffered in an automobile accident January 25 in Great Barrington. She was co-owner of Turning Point Inn in Great Barrington.

She was born in New York City on August 29, 1926, daughter of Jake and Zelda Yezinitzsky Kleid. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Brooklyn College.

While raising three children, Mrs. Yost spent eighteen years teaching kindergarten and working with gifted and learning-disabled children in northern New Jersey.

In 1976, she and her husband, Irving Yost, moved to the Berkshires and opened Turning Point Inn. She became an active volunteer with the Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Action Association and Southern Berkshire Literacy Program.

Mrs. Yost was co-director of Barrington Performing Arts, helped to establish a Yiddish class at Berkshire Community College, co-founded the Southern Berkshire Folk Dance Group and studied intergenerational dance at Jacob's Pillow, performing there last season.

Besides her husband of 41 years, she leaves a son, Gary Yost of San Francisco; two daughters, Cindy Rosenbaum of Goldens Bridge, New York, and Jamie Yost of Great Barrington; three brothers, Albert Kleid of Napa, California, Sol Kleid of Boca Raton, Florida, and Irving Kleid of Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey; three sisters, Mrs. Edith Shreef of Brooklyn, New York, Mrs. Blanche Zuckerman of Santa Monica, California, and Mrs. Lee Palley of Plantation, Florida; and four grandchildren.

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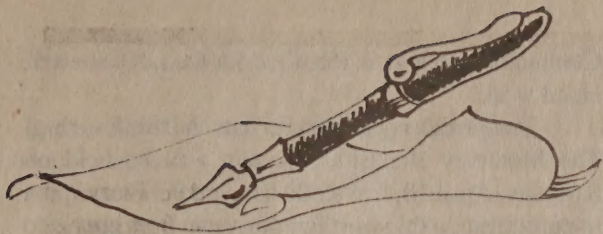
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Jed Lipsky resigned from the Monterey Conservation Commission in February. Several of Jed's fellow commissioners sat around after a public hearing at our regular February meeting, mulling over possibilities to recommend for a replacement. We realized that Jed will not be easy to replace.

Jed has served effectively in many capacities in town government, but his longest stint was on the Conservation Commission, from 1973 to 1993. During one period, when he was a Selectman as well as a member of our Commission, he wore two hats, one on top of the other, dashing back and forth between the Board and the Commission, which met at the same time on Monday nights.

In what was perhaps his most prodigious achievement on behalf of wetlands conservation, Jed arranged through the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to have Monterey included in the Upper Housatonic "208" Water Quality Management Plan, which resulted in a comprehensive study and management program for Lake Garfield in 1976.

As Art Hastedt said at our last meeting, "Jed always talked very slowly, but what he came out with was common sense." He was deliberate, articulate and convincing. He often argued for the rights and the special situation of an applicant for a wetlands project against the generic mandates of the Wetlands Protection Act. He was a great moderator at meetings, keeping things on track and to the point.

We won't find another Jed Lipsky, but I like to think that some of his contributions rubbed off on all of us.

— Ellen Pearson

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## PERSONAL NOTES

In honor of Dental Health Month, **Dr. Jerrold Raab** gave a talk and showed films on dental health to the Monterey Kindergarten children. The attentive audience learned about plaque, better home care, and development and function of teeth. Dr. Raab distributed toothbrushes and discussed hidden sugars in food. With the good doctor's help, we hope that the Monterey children will enjoy a decay-free year.

Speaking of the Raabs, kudos to **Micole Raab**, who is listed in the latest edition of *Who's Who of American High School Students*. Micole attends Berkshire School, where she was a cast member in their recent production of Cole Porter's musical, *Kiss Me Kate*.

**Dick and Barbara Tryon** have recently returned from a trip to the West Coast, where they attended a Farm Bureau convention in Anaheim, California and then visited in Portland, Oregon with **Larry Heald** and **Debbie Rankin**. They report that Larry and Debbie are settling in happily to their new home. Larry was transferred to Portland by IBM.

Our congratulations to **John and Anne Igoe-Dinan** on the birth of their daughter, **Laura Ann**, born January 22 at Fairview Hospital.

**Marian Weinberg** extends greetings and wants her Monterey friends to know she misses them. Marian sold her home on Main Road and, as of early January, has taken up residence at Silver Street Apartments in Great Barrington. Though she hated to leave this town, she was unable to drive, which proved quite restricting. She hopes to see Monterey friends "in town," and to be able to continue to attend Community Dinners. Our best wishes, Marian, as you settle in to your new abode.

**Cliff Aerie** is now hosting a live radio show on WAMC public radio. Tune in the first Wednesday of every month at 8:30 p.m. to catch Jazzfest. **Josh Aerie**, talented cellist and a student at Monument Mountain, recently auditioned and was selected for the All State Orchestra. And, **Arianna Aerie**, a sixth-grade student at Searles, was named to the High Honor roll list. A big round of applause for the busy and accomplished Aerie family!

Be sure to mark your calendars for March 21 and tune in to CBS at 9:00 a.m. *Sunday Morning*, with Charles Kurault will feature a segment on Monterey's own **Michael Marcus** and his Joyous Spring Pottery.

Hats off to **Paul Bynack**, who achieved Honors and was named to the Dean's List at Berkshire

Community College in Pittsfield for the fall semester. Good work!

Time to don your volunteer hats and **think spring!** The Monterey Roadside Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 10, from 9:00 a.m.-noon. Please plan to participate in this worthwhile event. The goal is to clean up all main roads in town. We need the help of everyone, young and old alike, to make the event a success. Please call **Lois** or **Jack Ryder** as soon as possible at 528-2548 to volunteer. Community-spirited participants will be rewarded with hamburgers, hotdogs and soda served by the Selectmen in Greene Park after the cleanup.

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **Arnold Garber** and **Jeremy Vallianos** on March 1, to **Janet Garber** on March 7, to **Anne Marie O'Connor** on March 8, to **Bob Gauthier** on March 10, to **Bonner McAllester** on March 13, to **Barbara Shea** on March 14, to **Bill Thieriot** on March 19, to **Celia Gottlieb** on March 24, to **Alf Pedersen** and **Ellen Pedersen** on March 27, to **Carol Lewis** on March 30, and to **Barbara Gauthier** and **Rose Salsitz** on March 31.

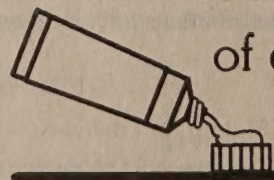
And, Happy Anniversary to **Randy and Adrienne Gelbard** on March 13.

Thanks for sharing your news! If you have an item for next month's issue, please jot it down and drop it in the mail to me, just Route 23, or give me a call at 528-4519. Your contributions are appreciated.

— Stephanie Grotz

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## CALENDAR

*Friday, March 5* — Monterey Day at Butternut. For more information, see *Butternut Events*, elsewhere in this issue.

*Saturday, March 6* — Special Town Meeting. 10:00 a.m. at the Monterey Firehouse.

*Saturday, March 6* — Democratic Party caucus, to nominate candidates for town offices to be voted on at the annual town meeting to be held on Saturday, May 1, 1993. 2:00 p.m. at the Monterey Firehouse.

*Saturday, March 6* — "Not for Racers Only" obstacle course race at Butternut. For more information, see *Butternut Events*, elsewhere in this issue.

*Tuesday, March 9* — Town Hall Committee meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the town office.

*Wednesday, March 10* — Community Dinner. 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

*Thursday, March 11* — Planning Board public hearing to hear comments on the proposed amendment to the zoning bylaws concerning non-conforming structures, uses and lots. 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the town office.

*Saturday, March 13* — SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults \$4, children \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: 528-9385.

*Tuesday, March 16* — Free blood pressure clinic. 9:00-10:30 a.m., downstairs at the town hall.

*Wednesday, March 24* — Monterey Round Table meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the home of Alice Howell and Walter Andersen.

*Saturday, March 27* — Ninth Annual MAPLE SUGAR MOON SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE PARTY at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30 p.m.- midnight. Joe Baker and Mountain Laurel, with guest caller Sarah Gregory Smith of Salem, Massachusetts. Everyone is welcome. Special halftime entertainment for the whole family includes singing with Bill and Sarah Smith and a performance by Mable and Moon, Belles of the Berkshires. Homemade refreshments (baked goods, coffee, tea, cider) included in the price of admission. Adults \$8, children \$3. Information: 528-9385.

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